

Reading Workshop
Reading/Writing Survey Results
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1. Has anyone ever talked with you individually about the following:

	YES	NO
a. Your writing	21	3
b. A book you've read	21	3
c. Your journals	13	9
d. Your goals/future plans	10	10
e. Your classes	12	10
f. You as a person	17	5

2. What are your favorite subjects in school?

Reading Workshop	8
Ms. Wahlen	5
Art	5
Math	5
PE	2
Science	2
Writing	1
Music	1
Resource (RSP)	1

3. What are your least favorite subjects in school?

Prior Teacher	5
Spelling	3
Math	3
Writing	3
PE	2
Drawing	2
Social Studies	2
Reading	2

4. What do you think are the most important qualities for a teacher to have?

To be nice	6
Teach people more	3
To be strict	2
Good manners	2
Cool brain	2

Good reader
Sweet
Show a lot of work
A great personality
Music
Flowers
Pencils

5. What is your favorite book?

Captain Underpants	3
Nate the Great	3
A Child Called It	2
Harry Potter	2
The Bailey City Monsters	
Goosebumps	
Amber Brown	
Junie B. Jones	
The Gold Rush	
Juan Bobo	
The Cat Who Went to Heaven	
The Shiloh books	
Wayside School	
The Animal Book	
The Fish Book	

6. Do you have a favorite author?

Dave Pilkey	6
Elizabeth Coatsworth	2
Dave Pelzer	
Ernesto Ramos Nieves	
Judy Blume	
Patricia Polacco	
J. K. Rowling	
James Hundy	
Louis Sachar	
Any author who writes about horses	

7. What have you disliked about previous reading/English classes?

School
English
That you didn't have book boxes
They're loud and they play around
You have to read a lot

You could not concentrate
Hard books
That they were boring

8. What could have made the class better?

If we had fun in reading
If they listened to the teacher
English
To clean the floor and the whole room
Johnny would have made it better
To have the whole class pass
To behave and listen to the teacher
To be quieter
Just read a little bit
Soda machine

9. What have you enjoyed about previous English classes?

That I learn a lot in English
That you read a lot of time
I enjoy the book
Sometimes you could be quiet
Reading
That they show you how to speak in English

10. How important do you consider reading to be in your life?

Not very	2
Important	
Important	2
Extremely important	20

11. How important do you consider writing to be in your life?

Not very	
Important	1
Important	9
Extremely important	14

12. How would you rate yourself as a reader?

Below average	1 (Special Education student)
Average	12
Above average	11

13. How would you rate yourself as a writer?

Below average	1 (Special Education student)
Average	10
Above average	13

14. Do you consider yourself

a better reader than writer	4
a better writer than reader	1
equally good in both reading and writing	19

15. Who do you know that is a good reader?

My teacher	7
Ramon	5
María	4
Esmé	3
Gia	3
Melissa	2
Edlin	2
Leti	
My friends	
My brother	

16. What do you think has made this person a good reader?

They read everyday	2
They practice a lot	2
Because he always reads	
They read the whole time	
By reading the entire time at home and at school	
He tries hard	
Because they read every night	
Reads in her house	
They inspire me	

Read chapter books
Because he goes to 8th grade

17. Which of these remarks comes closest to the way you feel about reading?

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| a. "I hate reading." | 2 |
| b. "Reading is something you do if someone makes you, but I don't enjoy it." | 1 |
| c. "Reading is OK. Sometimes I pick things up to read." | 2 |
| d. "I like to read but have a hard time with it." | 2 |
| e. "I really enjoy reading and often read when I have free time." | 17 |

18. Please check all that you like to read.

Plays	12
Young adult novels	4
Bestsellers	4
Nonfiction	17
Fiction	16
Poetry	17
Newspapers	7
Magazines	16
Westerns	6
Romances	4
Historical fiction	12
Biography	9

19. Which of the following have you written in the past six months?

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| a. letter to a friend | 6 |
| b. business letter | 2 |
| c. a request for something | 1 |
| d. personal journal/diary | 7 |
| e. academic journal | 1 |
| f. poem | 13 |
| g. a short story | 8 |
| h. an essay | 6 |
| i. lyrics for a song | 2 |

20. What do you think I could do to help you become a better reader?

To help me read better
Be instructed

To put me to read always
Read a lot with me 3
Give me a Just Right book
I think I am a good reader.

21. What could you do to become a better reader?

Read a lot every day 5
To practice to read 3
Read the whole time
Try to read more
By trying my best
To try harder
Focus
Take a book and start to read
Just be reading

22. What could I do to help you become a better writer?

Always put me to write
Help me on my writing
Give me some ideas so I could write
Instruct me
Writer's Workshop 2
Teach me to write
Making me write a lot
I am already a good writer.

23. What could you do to become a better writer?

Practice with my parents
Write and practice 2
To write stories
Write for an hour
Write every day
By writing my idea and starting
Write about my life 2
Write a lot
How to "smell" (spell?)
Write the whole time
I am already a good writer.

24. What is your favorite movie?

Scary Movie 2 6
Spiderman 3

Down to Earth	2
Harry Potter	
Halloween	
Deep Blue Sea	
The Mask	
Cats and Dogs	

25. What magazines do you like to read?

Any kind	2
X-men	2
About animals	2
Dance	
Spiderman	
About teenagers	
People magazine	

26. What are your favorite television shows?

Spiderman	2
Nickelodeon	2
Cartoon network	3
MTV	
Disney Channel	
X-men	
Sock Down	
Animal zoo	

27. Classroom activities—Please check those that you enjoy.

Reading silently	13
Reading	15
Having someone read to you	10
Writing in journals	13
Watching movies	16
Listening to cassettes (stories, poetry)	15
Working as a whole class	11
Working in a small group	19
Working alone	10
Completing worksheets, workbooks	13
Doing vocabulary, dictionary work	12
Class discussions	9
Writing	15
Publishing your writing (Open Mike)	13